



Third Ward Republican Club

OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
(INCORPORATED)

61 MONMOUTH STREET

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Mrs. Effa Manley
71 Crawford Street
Newark, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs. Manley:

As you well know the members of this club constitute one of the most loyal and strongest bunch of Newark Eagles rooters to be found anywhere. It is for this reason that I feel free to write you this letter.

We were all delighted to read in the Negro press and the daily papers the glowing reports from Spring training camp of the great team the Eagles had assembled for this year. We could all see Newark winning her first pennant and to say we were pleased is a gross understatement. We were simply tickled to death.

Our joy reached unbounded heights when Day hurled his no-hit, no run game in the opening game and the boys played such fine ball. They looked good against the Black Yankees and the Homestead Grays and then came the double loss to the Elite Giants. The team seems to have been in a slump ever since.

Against the Elites I believe that all who saw these games will admit that poor judgement was used by the manager in letting Hooker stay in the box until the game was lost. Errors proved Day's undoing in the second game. I understand that the team suffered several losses to the Philadelphia Stars before Sunday's game with the Black Yankees.

I have been asked to tell you in behalf of the 3rd ward Boosters Club that we feel that the Manager of the club has proven very incapable of ~~caping~~ handling the situation. He has permitted Irvin, Harvey, Israel and Felder to remain in the lineup and none of them are hitting the ball ~~at~~ a lick. They are in a very bad slump and the team has gone in one with them. It is the manager's job to shake them out of it by benching some of them and putting players like Wilkes and Givens in the lineup. They certainly can't do any worse.

You have certainly assembled a great team and if a manager can't win a pennant with them, then frankly, it is time for you to get another manager. Hope you wont mind, but we just had to get this off our chest and let you know how some of your fans are thinking.

Yours for a pennant winner,

Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Reginald Simpson".